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Identical letters dated 18 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 1 to 14 September 2009 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 18 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 1 to 14 September 2009, inclusive

Air violations

On 1 September 2009:

- Between 0640 and 1555 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah, flying at a height of 16,000 feet, and left over Yarun.
- Between 0710 and 2030 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah, flying at a height of 17,000 feet, and circled over the South and the Bekaa before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b.
- Between 1135 and 1315 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over Kafr Killa, flying north, and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b.

On 3 September 2009:

- Between 0645 and 1130 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Rumaysh and flew north as far as Nabatiyah, circling over the South before leaving over the sea off Naqurah.
- Between 0932 and 1650 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and flew north as far as Sidon, circling over the South before leaving over the sea off Naqurah.
- Between 1222 and 1330 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over the sea off Naqurah and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b.

On 4 September 2009:

- Between 0700 and 1215 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b.

On 6 September 2009:

- Between 0845 and 1400 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and flying north. It circled over the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b.

On 7 September 2009:

- Between 0735 and 1530 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah, flying at a height of 20,000 feet, and circled over the Bekaa before leaving over Alma al-Sha`b.

On 8 September 2009:

- Between 0700 and 2010 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over the South before leaving over Naqurah.

- Between 1017 and 1127 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over Kafr Killa and circled over the South before leaving over Kafr Killa.

On 11 September 2009:

- Between 1648 and 1930 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, circling over Tyre and Naqurah before leaving over Naqurah.

Sea violations

On 1 September 2009:

- At 0720 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat in the open sea within occupied Palestinian territorial waters off Ra's Naqurah directed several bursts of medium-weapon gunfire over the water as a Lebanese fishing boat, driven by the movement of the currents, but without entering occupied Palestinian territorial waters, was approaching the region of buoy No. 8.

On 7 September 2009:

- At 2025 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Ra's Naqurah, directed a searchlight for five seconds some 50 metres inside Lebanese territorial waters in the direction of buoy No. 2.

On 8 September 2009:

- At 2005 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Ra's Naqurah, directed a searchlight for five seconds some 50 metres inside Lebanese territorial waters in the direction of a Lebanese fishing boat near buoy No. 4.

On 11 September 2009:

- At 0220 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Ra's Naqurah, directed a searchlight for five seconds some 100 metres inside Lebanese territorial waters in the direction of the line of buoys.

- At 0500 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat directed gunfire towards a Lebanese fishing boat within Lebanese territorial waters some five metres distant from the line of buoys, obliging it to retreat.

On 13 September 2009:

- At 1945 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position off Ra's Naqurah, fired four tracer rounds over a Lebanese fishing boat within Lebanese territorial waters some 20 metres distant from buoy No. 3.

- At 1950 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Ra's Naqurah, directed a searchlight for five seconds inside Lebanese territorial waters in the direction of the line of buoys.

– At 2015 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat in occupied Palestinian territorial waters directed a searchlight for five seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters in the region of buoys Nos. 3 and 4.

– At 2020 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position off Ra's Naqurah, violated Lebanese territorial waters, firing a number of rounds in the direction of the line of buoys.

On 14 September 2009:

– At 1940 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Ra's Naqurah, directed five bursts of medium-weapon gunfire towards Lebanese territorial waters in the region of buoy No. 3.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 2 September 2009:

– At 2305 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol proceeding from the settlement of Misgav Am directed a searchlight for 10 seconds towards the Lebanese Army checkpoint at Addusiyah.

On 10 September 2009:

– At 1815 hours, a member of an Israeli enemy patrol within Palestinian territory opposite the Fatima gate directed verbal abuse towards a Lebanese Army recruit who was on sentry duty at the gate.

– At 1830 hours, a member of an enemy patrol directed verbal abuse towards Lebanese Army Major Sulayman Luhud who was exercising between points B84 and B85 (Kafr Killa).

On 11 September 2009:

– At 1535 hours, Israeli enemy forces fired 16 155-mm rounds of artillery fire, which landed outside the village of Qulaylah in the Tyre district, in response to the firing by unknown persons of two 122-mm Grad missiles that fell in the Aghzif region near Nahariyya inside occupied Palestinian territory. Subsequently, a number of communications from the Israeli enemy were received on the Lebanese land-line network in the Arabic language, to the effect that the rockets that had fallen within Israel would lead to the destruction of Lebanon; that Israel would retaliate; and that the Lebanese Army and Government would bear the responsibility.

On 14 September 2009:

– At 1130 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite Kafr Killa-Fatima gate halted and one member thereof made an obscene finger gesture at Private Hatim Kassab, who was on guard duty at the aforementioned gate.